SPEECH AND HEARING SCIENCE

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Major: Audiology
Degrees Offered: Au.D.

Major: Speech and Hearing Science
Degrees Offered: M.A., Ph.D.
Graduate Concentration: Second Language Acquisition and Teacher Education (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/slate) (Ph.D. only)

Medical Scholars Program: Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Speech and Hearing Science and Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) through the Medical Scholars Program (http://www.med.illinois.edu/msp)

Graduate Degree Programs

The department offers programs leading to the Master of Arts, Doctor of Audiology, and Doctor of Philosophy degrees, with specialization in various aspects of audiology and speech-language pathology. The Department of Speech and Hearing Science offers graduate programs of study in speech-language pathology, audiology, and speech, language, and hearing science. The department prepares scientists and professionals who specialize in the study of perception and production of spoken, written, signed, and alternative communication and communication disorders, as well as dysphagia. Graduate degrees are offered at the master’s and doctoral levels.

Admission

Although a B.A./B.S. in the field is not required for admission to the clinical M.A. or Au.D. programs, recommended background includes undergraduate credit in the following areas or their equivalents: phonetics, anatomy and physiology of the speech and hearing mechanism, hearing science, speech science, speech pathology, audiology, and aural rehabilitation. The M.A. and Au.D. programs begin in the fall only.

For more information about admissions, see:
http://www.shs.illinois.edu/Graduates/Admissions.aspx

Medical Scholars Program

The Medical Scholars Program permits highly qualified students to integrate the study of medicine with study for a graduate degree in a second discipline, including Speech and Hearing Science. Students may apply to the Medical Scholars Program prior to beginning graduate school or while in the graduate program. Applicants to the Medical Scholars Program must meet the admissions standards for and be accepted into both the doctoral graduate program and the College of Medicine. Students in the dual degree program must meet the specific requirements for both the medical and graduate degrees. On average, students take eight years to complete both degrees. Further information on this program is available by contacting the Medical Scholars Program, 125 Medical Sciences Building, (217) 333-8146 or at www.med.illinois.edu/msp.

Graduate Teaching Experience

Although teaching is not a general Graduate College requirement, experience in teaching is considered an important part of the graduate experience in this program.

Master of Arts in Speech and Hearing Science

In the Master of Arts degree program, students learn about speech-language pathology in medical and educational settings, as well as speech, language and hearing science. This degree may be taken as either a terminal degree or as preparation for further graduate study, including a doctoral degree. For students seeking a terminal degree, the Master of Arts program may be designed with or without clinical practicum experience.

The clinical program ensures clinical competence in speech-language pathology necessary for employment in a healthcare and educational settings, private practice, or industry. Successful completion of this program ensures that the student has met the academic and clinical requirements for the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) certification and can choose to pursue the Illinois state certification required for speech-language pathology in the public schools. The program is accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology. The clinical MA program requires a minimum of 60 graduate hours. All students in the clinical program are required to take the following courses:

Clinical Program, Thesis or Non-thesis

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Total Hours: 60
To be eligible for the Illinois state professional educator license, students must complete SHS 532, Language Disorders in School-Age Children, and SHS 575, School Speech-Language Clinical Methods. Other electives are identified by the student under the guidance and approval of their academic advisor.

Other Requirements ¹
Other requirements may overlap
Minimum 500-level Hours Required 12 min
Overall:
Minimum GPA: 3.0

¹ For additional details and requirements refer to the department’s graduate programs (http://www.shs.illinois.edu/Graduates) and the Graduate College Handbook (http://www.grad.illinois.edu/gradhandbook).

Non-Clinical Program, Thesis or Non-thesis
The non-clinical MA program may prepare the student for employment in industry or for a doctoral program. This program requires 40 graduate hours. SHS 592 is required and the student must build a logical and coherent series of approved courses.

For a student seeking a non-terminal degree, the Master of Arts program enables the student to undertake fundamental coursework that will be an integral part of an overall doctoral program.

The student’s program for the Master of Arts degree will be determined on an individual basis, taking into consideration the Graduate College and departmental requirements. A master’s thesis should be part of a pre-doctoral student’s plan of study.

SHS 592 Prosem Spch & Hear Sci 0-1
Elective hours 40
SHS 599 Thesis Research (A thesis is optional, but if completed 0-8 hrs. may be applied) 0-8
Total Hours 40

Other Requirements ¹
Other requirements may overlap
Minimum Hours Required Within the Unit: 20
Minimum 500-level Hours Required 20
Overall:
Minimum GPA: 3.0

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• Doctor of Philosophy in Speech and Hearing Science (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/speech-hearing-sci/phd)
• Doctor of Audiology (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/speech-hearing-sci/doctor-audiology)